

Schools are starting to finish for the year; while many of you are enjoying some free time, please know I'm still working if you need anything. I hope to see you at a professional development opportunity in Montana sometime along the way this summer or next fall.

If you have different contact information in the summer (i.e. email address), please feel free to share with me so I can continue to update as needed.

Have a great summer, everyone!

SAVE THE DATE – Montana FCS Summer Conference – August 12 – 14, 2014 – Bozeman, MT

While I have enjoyed the past four summers of regional meetings, this year I have decided to partner with Montana State University and Montana FCCLA to offer my annual summer update in a different format. This conference will be similar to the one hosted at Fairmont Hot Springs in August 2009. You can anticipate regional meetings again next summer (2015); I am considering rotating each year between regional meetings around the state and one longer meeting at MSU each August. We are working quickly to finish up details to officially announce the conference, so please keep an eye on your email inbox over the next few days. Here's a quick overview of what to expect so you can think about attending.

The conference theme is "Reconnecting the Foundations of Montana Family & Consumer Sciences" and is being offered by partnerships between OPI, MSU & FCCLA. It will be held August 12 – 14, 2014 at Montana State University–Bozeman. Each day, we will focus on a different content area of Family and Consumer Sciences: Textiles/Interior Design, Culinary Arts and Early Childhood Education. Participants will be able to register for one day, two days or all three days to allow for flexibility. For each topic area, we are working to bring in business and industry experts and post-secondary faculty to discuss updated content, Big Sky Pathways, wellbeing alignment, curriculum integration and technology. Registration information will be made available soon and posted on the OPI FCS website as well. If you want more information but don't have access to your school email in the summer, please reply with a summer email address to ensure the information is received.

Billings Summer FCS Update

Bernie Mason and Sue Roberts will be offering their annual summer update July 22 – 23, 2014 at the Eileen Johnson Middle School (Lockwood) in Billings. Attached are two documents with information on the update; please contact Bernie Mason with any questions. It always fills up, so don't delay if you are interested!

Free Service Learning for Kids Book

Download for free from CBK Associates the four service learning titles that make up the Service Learning for Kids series. The books (for grades 4 – 10) cover four themes that can inspire and engage students all over the world: Hunger and Homelessness, Literacy, Animals, and Climate Change. In every book, students learn about the service learning process, have a range of experiences to gain knowledge, read about what other youth are doing, and construct their own plans for action. <http://bit.ly/1hAKdSZ>

iPad Apps

Do you have iPads or tablets in your classroom and you struggle with how to use them? Here's a great article on using technology in the classroom titled, "There is more to iPads in the classroom than apps." It includes graphics of apps sorted by multiple intelligences, 21st century skills, Bloom's taxonomy, and more.

<http://langwitches.org/blog/2012/08/07/there-is-more-to-ipads-in-the-classroom-than-apps/comment-page-1/>



National Directory of Postsecondary Teacher Preparation Programs in Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Say "YES" to FCS! Have you ever wondered where all the postsecondary programs for teaching Family & Consumer Sciences Education are located? Look no further! Thanks to this online directory created by Amanda Holland, Doctoral Student in Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Texas Tech University, you have easy access to the programs offered around the United States: <http://bit.ly/1IZ39eR>. Remember, if you don't share the opportunity of becoming FCS teachers to your students, it's doubtful anyone else will. Let's promote our profession each semester to all FCS Education students!

Perkins Remaining Funds for 2013-2014

FRIENDLY REMINDER to all high school districts with an outstanding or remaining 2013-2014 Perkins allocation to please obligate your remaining funds before the end of this current school year. If you have questions regarding your Perkins balance or any submitted cash requests, please contact Charlotte McMilin, Perkins Accountant. If you have questions about obligating your Perkins funds, please contact either Brad King or Renee Harris. Brad can be reached at: 406.444.4451 or by email at: bking2@mt.gov. Renee can be reached at: 406.994.6986 or by email at: rharris3@mt.gov.

Mini-Grant Application for Financial Literacy through MFEC

The Montana Financial Education Coalition (MFEC) is proud to promote local efforts to expand financial education across our state. We hope that through this mini-grant organizations will be able to implement activities in their communities with an emphasis on Financial Literacy Awareness. We encourage financial education activities at any time throughout the year. Grant funds must be utilized by the end of December 31, 2014. The mini-grants are to augment your existing activities or implement a new strategy or program. We ask that each organization receiving a mini-grant provide a synopsis of the impact the mini-grant had on their program and community. We would love pictures of activities, participants and program materials, as well. This will allow us to report back to funding organizations and hopefully build this mini-grant program so that future grants may be offered to more communities across the State of Montana. Please provide the following information in a separate document and send it postmarked by the application deadline of (extended) **June 16**, 2014 to: Diana Holshue, Federal Reserve Bank, Helena Branch, 100 Neill Avenue, Helena, Montana 59602.

Montana FCS Job Openings

The following FCS positions are open in Montana:

- [Arlee High School](#) – Arlee, MT
- [Beaverhead County High School](#) – Dillon, MT
 - FCS with English or Math
- [Browning High School](#) – Browning, MT
- Butte High School – Butte, MT – (should be posted soon)
- [Circle Public Schools](#) – Circle, MT (combination position – see announcement for specifics)
- [Jefferson High School](#) – Boulder, MT
- [Poplar High School](#) – Poplar, MT
- [White Sulphur Springs High School](#) – White Sulphur Springs, MT (part-time)
- [Wolf Point High School](#) – Wolf Point, MT

Thought of the Day

"Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."

~ Confucius

Calendar of Events

June 6 – 8, 2014: Montana CTSO Leadership Camp, Bigfork, MT

June 16 – 18, 2014: [National Career Clusters Institute](#), Phoenix, AZ

June 16 – 20, 2014: Missoula Culinary Tips for Teachers Class, Missoula, MT

June 19 – 21, 2014: [CAFÉ 2014 Leadership Conference](#), Salt Lake City, UT

June 23 – 25, 2014: Montana FCCLA Advisory Board Meeting & Adviser Retreat, Big Sky, MT

June 25 – 28, 2014: [AAFCS Annual Conference & Expo](#), St. Louis, MO

July 6 – 10, 2014: [FCCLA National Leadership Conference](#), San Antonio, TX

July 22 – 23, 2014: Billings FCS Update, Billings, MT

August 12 – 14, 2014: OPI/MSU Summer Update, Bozeman, MT

September 28 – 30, 2014: Montana FCCLA Leadership Rally, Bozeman, MT

October 12 – 14, 2014: [National Career Pathways Network Conference](#), Orlando, FL

October 12 – 15, 2014: FCCLA Capitol Leadership, Washington, DC

October 15, 2014: OPI New CTE Teacher Training, Missoula, MT

October 16 – 17, 2014: Montana ACTE Annual Conference, Missoula, MT

November 19 – 22, 2014: [ACTE CareerTech Vision](#), Nashville, TN

Facebook Group Links

Montana FCS Educators Group: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/168470129878554/>

Montana FCCLA Chapter Advisers Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/248102661886036/>

**Both are closed groups – click on link and ask to be added for some great conversation & resources!*